

The owners of Lot 159 were recently selectively isolated and put under spotlight for celebrating their religious festival. They are my neighbors - wonderful, quiet, and very humble people of Indian origin.

I am glad that these owners ignored your request and finished their celebrations in a dignified manner, with full respect for their religious signs.

As a person who treats all people equally and does not differ them by religion, race, nationality, and skin color, I find the letter that you sent to the owners of Lot 159 offensive, ignorant, and highly sensitive.

I suggest that an apology be sent to owners of Lot 159 and ensure that such issue never comes up again. In our complex we have lot of people with different backgrounds. Some of them keep their faith private; whilst some show it openly (entrance doors of various lots in the complex). As long as their beliefs do not threaten anyone, it is purely a private issue.

You linked swastika the old Indian couple put on pavers in front of their entrance door with swastika that Nazis in Germany used in the WWII. What a terrible mistake and a very dangerous one.

a) The swastika is one of the 108 symbols of Hindu deity Vishnu and represents the Sun's rays, upon which life depends.

Swastika is a symbol of auspiciousness in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism.

The swastikas on Hindu and Jain temples, for example are exempt from the bans, as religious symbols cannot be banned.

b) Today there are many religious uses of the swastika in number of Asian countries.

c) A ban on the swastika would not in itself remove racism or silence those who wish to express such views. For many in the world a ban on the swastika would be quite bewildering - the equivalent of banning the cross or the crescent. And, in ignoring the sensitivities of people in the East, such a ban would itself be an act of Western arrogance - the very kind of attitude Nazis in Germany encouraged.

d) The swastika is a 5000-year-old symbol that has been used for centuries by Hindus and Buddhists to denote good luck, but because of the Nazis it has come to symbolize hate, anti-Semitism, violence, death and murder.

Hindus often have swastikas displayed around their homes and businesses or in artwork.

In lot of literature it was stated that it was ironic that a symbol depicting the wheel of life and good fortune had become a symbol of racism, torture and war.

e) In Hinduism, the (clockwork motion) swastika represents the microcosmic creation of the spiral galaxy in progressive expansion and motion as symbolic representation of our cosmic universe seen on the right hand forefinger of Lord Vishnu as 'Vishnu Chakra'. It is also seen on the right palm of the elephant god Ganesha, evoked and worshipped before any auspicious work. It also has its origin in Hopi civilization as the progressive sun in clockwork motion and life, in well being. In the Indus valley civilization seals, the clockwork motion swastika was used as permit for the merchants to travel out from the city during the day.



Right Hand Swastika



Left Hand Swastika

In India, the Swastika is used in two forms, one with the arms moving to the right, the right-handed Swastika, and the other with the arms moving to the left, the so-called "left-handed" occult Swastika.

f) It is commonly thought that the Nazis used the left-handed Swastika and that this is the difference between the Hindu's use of the Swastika and the Nazi's use of it. But this is not the case. In fact, the Nazis used the same right-handed Swastika that is used in modern Hinduism, but gave it a 45 degree turn. This gives it the appearance of being left-handed, even though it is not:



Regardless, in India many groups have used the left-handed Swastika. One common example amongst Hindu groups is the Theosophical Society, which used it on their logo. The left-handed Swastika is also associated with esoteric tantric practices. Jains and Buddhists often use the left handed Swastika as well. Today the right-handed Swastika is mainly used in Hindu temples, homes and sacred ceremonies as a symbol or affirmation of good luck, health and prosperity. A "yes" to life!

The German swastika is a left-clockwork motion, an anti-thesis of the 'good', as selected and used by Hitler in the Nazi symbol of 'power & destruction' was understood as "the symbol of the creating, acting life" of a pure breed over humanity by tantric human sacrifice (**das Symbol des schaffenden, wirkenden Lebens**) and as "race emblem of Germanism" as pure Aryans.

Be careful what you say to and what you order from owners who have different beliefs.

The owners of Lot 159 do not even know I wrote this letter. I am doing what is morally right.